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SUBJECT: GOG REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF CUBAN EXILE GROUP

1. FONMIN WILLS CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE AT 3 PM, SEPTEMBER 3, TO DISCUSS WITH ME THE BOMBING OF GUYANA'S CONSULAR OFFICE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. SINCE THE NEWS REACHED GUYANA LAST NIGHT OF THE BOMBING, WILLS AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN RECEIVING INDIGNANT PHONE CALLS FROM CERTAIN GOG OFFICIALS AND RADICALS IN THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC). THEY BLAMED THE UNITED STATES FOR HARBORING THE CUBAN EXILE GROUP THAT HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY AND SOME HAD SAID THAT THIS WAS EVIDENCE OF THE HOSTILITY OF THE US TOWARD GUYANA. THEY ALSO WERE DEMANDING THAT BURNHAM DO SOMETHING TO REGISTER HIS DISPLEASURE. WILLS SAID HE AND BURNHAM HAD AGREED TO CALL ME IN AND MAKE A PRO-FORMA PROTEST REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES DETERMINE WHETHER ORLANDO BOSCH AND THE COMMANDOS OF THE UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION (CORU) WERE BASED IN FLORIDA AND, IF SO, TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITHIN THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT THEIR OPERATION FROM A BASE IN THE US. A PRESS RELEASE INDICATING THIS HAD BEEN DONE WOULD BE ISSUED.

2. WILLS THEN URGED THAT THE UNITED STATES RESPOND QUICKLY WITH A MESSAGE INDICATING ITS CONDEMNATION OF SUCH TERRORIST ACTS, ITS SYMPATHY WITH GUYANA, AND THAT IT WOULD MAKE AN INVESTIGATION
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TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE BEING

CARRIED OUT BY PERSONS BASED IN THE US. WILLS SAID THAT A RAPID RESPONSE WOULD DEFLATE PRESSURES ON BURNHAM AND WOULD HELP COMBAT ANTI-US SENTIMENT. IT WOULD ALSO, WILLS SAID, LEND CREDENCE TO HIS ASSERTIONS THAT HE ENJOYS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CORDIAL DIALOGUE WITH THE USG.

3. WHETHER OR NOT WILLS AND BURNHAM RECEIVED CALLS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, I BELIEVE THEY DO HAVE A POLITICAL NEED TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO QUELL PRESSURES FROM RADICALS. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT A PROMPT RESPONSE FROM THE US ALONG THE GENERAL LINES INDICATED IN PARA 2 ABOVE WHICH COULD BE PUBLISHED HERE WOULD BE HELPFUL BOTH IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE US, BUT ALSO AS EVIDENCE TO WILLS AND BURNHAM OF OUR RESPONSIVENESS.

4. THE FULL TEXT OF THE PRESS RELEASE WILLS PREPARED FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

"THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & JUSTICE, CDE. FRED WILLS, TODAY CALLED IN THE CHARGE OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND PROTESTED THAT IN RELATION TO THE DASTARDLY AND CRIMINAL ACT OF THE BOMBING OF THE CONSULAR OFFICE OF GUYANA IN TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT HAS BEEN CLAIMED BY AN ORGANISATION CALLED CORU, ALLEGEDLY BASED IN MIAMI AND ALLEGEDLY LED BY ONE ORLANDO BOSCH, A CUBAN EXILE.

"THE ACT WAS OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AGAINST GUYANA AND HER STRATEGY OF DEVELOPMENT AND IS IN BREACH OF ALL THE ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE MINISTER REQUESTED THE AUTHORITIES IN THE UNITED STATES TO DETERMINE WHETHER IN FACT BOSCH AND

CORU WERE BASED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND IF SO, WOULD THEY TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITHIN THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT THEIR OPERATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL

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